

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2010
7:00 PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 5, 2010.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 24, 2010 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the February 24, 2010 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the February 24, 2010 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 2, 2010 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 2, 2010 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator Perkins' Report

The Governor declared a State of Emergency for the event that started March 12th. Yesterday the Borough received notice to put together a preliminary assessment of the damage and forward to the County Office of Emergency Management. Lt. Conner is designated as point person. The estimate as of yesterday was \$1,039,000 on the Borough side. It does not include the damage at Selzer School.

Cliffside Park loaned Dumont their chipper.

The Mayor and Council have decided to waive the building department fees for permits needed associated with the storm. The State will also waive their fees.

Community Development reduced the original grant of \$175,000 for the handicap access ramp at the Library to \$125,000.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Stylianou

Environmental Commission

A meeting is scheduled for March 25th.

Ethics Board

A meeting is scheduled for March 18th.

Run for Fun

This year there will be a pre-race pasta dinner. The Knights of Columbus have donated the food and their place to host the dinner. The members will help with cooking and cleaning up. The proceeds will go toward helping Dumont families in need. Ms. Galligan and Councilwoman Zamechansky were instrumental in helping to set this up.

Ordinance & Resolutions Committee

The Committee met to discuss campaign finance reform. The meeting was attended by Council committee members Carrick, Manna and Stylianou. Also in attendance was Mayor McHale. The next meeting is scheduled March 24th at 6:30 PM.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

Tomorrow there will be a St. Patrick's Day Party.

Last month was the "Meet and Greet". Council members Carrick and Stylianou also attended.

The Senior Center is open for those without power due to the storm.

Recreation

The Babe Ruth Field is scheduled to open April 15th.

The huts are almost completed.

Celebrations

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27th.

Holy Name Hospital is now Holy Name Medical Center. Council members Zamechansky and Manna, Mr. Perkins and Ms. Connelly attended the dedication.

- Councilman Carrick

DPW

There were 10 sewer jobs and a total of 396 miles of road swept in February.

Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day is scheduled for April 24th.

Tara Barker will be going to Newark to receive the certificate designating Dumont as Tree City USA.

- Councilman Manna

The Councilman thanked the County Executive and Freeholders for their support of the Intersection Project, which will begin soon, and Lt. Voorhis for handling the traffic patterns.

As of March 10th, thirty-four foreclosure proceedings have begun in Dumont.

Office of Emergency Management

The Councilman stated that during the March storm he witnessed the coordination of Police, Fire, EMS, DPW, Building Department and Board of Education. He was very impressed with the way in which they all worked together in order to minimize the danger to the residents and provide safety to the children and residents of the Borough.

Finance

The Committee has met five times. They have reviewed each line of the budget. They will have a better idea of the Borough budget once the State adopts their budget.

Police

The Dispatch Center received and handled a total of 5,823 telephone calls in February.

Members of the Patrol Division investigated thirty-nine motor vehicle accidents. Patrol officers issued 451 motor vehicle summonses.

The Detective Bureau investigated forty-six criminal cases.

Green Initiatives

Mr. Page has been keeping the Councilman updated on articles on the New Jersey Clean Energy Program.

Mr. Perkins has contacted PSE&G and they will conduct an energy audit of Borough Hall, the four firehouses, the Library, the DPW and the Ambulance building.

- Councilman Freeman

Board of Education

The State reduced the state aid to the District in the amount of \$89,115.00. The earliest date for the budget hearing would be March 26 and the latest would be April 3rd. State aid comprises 23% of the School budget. The budget as it currently stands, which is not final, would result in a local tax levy increase of 5.28%. As of now, middle school sports would be eliminated. The Superintendent stated that the SAT scores have increased each year for the past three years.

- Councilman Caspare

Fire Department

There were a total of 1,029 alarms in February.

There was a working fire on Manhattan Terrace. Due to the quick response of the Fire Department, the house was saved despite there being a great deal of clutter in the house. The resident was injured.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McHale thanked the residents of Dumont for their patience during the past weather phenomenons. He expressed disappointment in PSE&G's and United Water's preparedness during the recent storm.

Earlier last week we had the dedication of St. Mary's Domus Senior Housing facility, providing forty-nine units of affordable housing for seniors. On Wednesday, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the Washington, New Milford, Virginia Avenue intersection attended by the County Executive and Freeholder chairman. This process began almost four years ago.

The Mayor and members of the Council commended those departments involved in OEM during the recent storm.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

- #10-92 Bills List *
 - #10-93 Dawn M. DeCristofaro-Hire as Police Records Clerk -\$12.00 per hour *
 - #10-94 Transfer of 2009 Budget Appropriations *
 - #10-95 Amendment to the 2010 Temporary Budget *
 - #10-96 Thomas McDermott-Accept Resignation from Dumont Fire Department Fire Auxiliary *
 - #10-97 Joseph A. Preston-Accept Resignation from Dumont Fire Department *
 - #10-98 Jason Bertero-Accept Resignation from Dumont Fire Department *
 - #10-99 Monica M. Chalarca-Hire as Violations Clerk- \$10.00 per hour *
 - #10-100 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Pumper Fire Engine *
 - #10-101 Extension of Suburban Title and Abstract, Inc. for NJEIT Phase II Project - not to exceed \$10,000 - **Pulled from Consent Agenda**
 - #10-102 Approval of LOSAP Contribution -\$55,200 *
 - #10-103 Award of Bid for Roof Replacement and Window Restoration at the Historic Derick Banta House, Dumont Public Library- \$194,880 *
 - #10-104 Approval of *Frontier Room* Request for Live Entertainment *
 - #10-105 Approval of Police Chief Amended Agreement and Authorization of Execution of Agreement *
 - #10-106 Emergency Appropriation Due to Storm Damage March 13th and 14th, 2010-not to exceed \$30,000 *
 - #10-107 Amendment to Capital Budget – **Pulled from Consent Agenda**
- Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Caspare
Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Carrick
All in favor.
Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Freeman
All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Motion carried.

Non-Consent Agenda

#10-101 Extension of Suburban Title and Abstract, Inc. for NJEIT Phase II Project - not to exceed \$10,000

#10-107 Amendment to Capital Budget

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Mr. Paster stated that these resolutions are voted together because they both apply to the same project-NJEIT Phase II.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou-yes

Council members Freeman and Zamechansky-abstained

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#1405 –Second reading originally scheduled for tonight is scheduled for April 6, 2010- Bond Ordinance amending in its entirety Bond Ordinance No.1364 adopted April 16, 2008.

The public notice was e-mailed by the Borough Clerk to the *Record* February 25th but was not published. Therefore, there will be a public hearing April 6th at 6:30PM prevailing time.

First Reading

#1406 Repeal of Ordinance #1391 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 12.1 of the Borough of Dumont Code; No right turn shall be permitted onto Shadyside Avenue, from the Commercial Development located at 19 Shadyside Avenue

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

#1407 Bond Ordinance supplementing Bond Ordinance No. 1375 adopted February 17, 2009 to provide for the acquisition of easements and property relating to phase II of various storm sewer system improvements, providing a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$285,000 of bonds and/or notes of the borough for paying the cost of said additional improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou-yes

Council members Freeman and Zamechansky-abstained

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public for general discussion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen-90 Teak Road-kudos to DPW, Police, First Responders for their response to the recent weather. He was disappointed in the alert system. He also complained about a policeman prohibiting a resident from taking photos of Selzer School.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk